

JANUARY 3, 1990

SUPERVISOR DUNLAP
DISTRICT 2
4080 LEMON STREET
RIVERSIDE, CA. 92501

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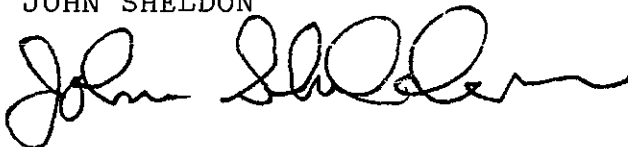
I HAVE JUST FINISHED SPEAKING WITH YOUR SECRETARY, MS. SHERER, BECAUSE YOU HAVE NOT RETURNED MY PHONE CALLS. SHE INFORMED ME THAT THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE CAN NOT MONITOR THE TRUCKS LEAVING HUBBS QUARRY BECAUSE THEY ARE AFRAID OF A HARASSMENT SUIT. SHE ALSO TOLD ME THAT I MAY ALSO PUT MYSELF IN A POSITION FOR A HARASSMENT SUIT. WHEN I TOLD HER THAT I DID NOT NEED HER FOR HER LEGAL ADVICE SHE TOLD ME THAT I ALWAYS TURN THINGS AROUND AND THAT IS WHY NOBODY WILL LISTEN TO ME ANY MORE.

THE FACT IS THAT EVERY ONE IS LISTENING AND GETTING INVOLVED EXCEPT THE RESPONSIBLE PARTY, THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE. THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, THE FEDERAL EPA, THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND GEOLOGY, THE STATE SENATE, THE CONGRESS AND EVERY OTHER GROUP HAS POINTED THEIR FINGERS AT YOU, THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE. I THINK IT IS TIME THAT YOU LOOKED AT THIS ISSUE SERIOUSLY AND STOP ATTACKING ME AND THE INLAND EMPIRE ALLIANCE FOR SAFE WATER.

I AM ENCLOSING A COPY OF THE GREAT EFFORT THAT THE COUNTY PROVIDED US. MAYBE IN RETROSPECT YOU CAN SEE YOUR OWN SHORT COMINGS AND TRY TO CORRECT THEM.

THIS LETTER WILL BE SENT TO ALL OF OUR MEMBERS, THE PRESS, STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES, ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE FUND, AND ALL PETITION SIGNERS FROM OUR DISTRICT.

JOHN SHELDON



DIRECTOR, INLAND EMPIRE ALLIANCE FOR SAFE WATER

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RIVERSIDE COUNTY
PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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NOTE THAT EACH PARAGRAPH IN THE QUARRY UPDATE IS NUMBERED. I WILL REFERENCE EACH OF MY COMMENTS WITH THE NUMBER AS IT CORRESPONDS TO THE UPDATE COMPILED BY TALLULAH SHERER.

- (1.) WHY WAS OUR DISTRICT SUPERVISOR NOT AT THE MEETING?
- (2.) THE RECLAMATION PLAN YOU REFER TO IS THE RECLAMATION PLAN OF 1977. THIS IS THE YEAR THE QUARRY WAS PURCHASED BY HUBBS CONSTRUCTION. IS 13 YEARS LONG ENOUGH TO COME UP WITH A PLAN?
- (3.) YOU DO NOT MONITOR THE QUARRY SO HOW CAN YOU KNOW IF HE HAS EXPANDED OR INCREASED HIS OPERATION?
- (4.) YOU SAY THAT HUBBS IS TO FILE A REPORT WITH THE ASSESSOR EACH YEAR. YOU GO ON TO SAY THAT THEIR LAST REPORT SHOWS SOME CHANGE. THE FACT IS IS THAT THERE WAS NO REPORT. I DO NOT KNOW WHERE YOU GOT YOUR INFORMATION BUT THE COUNTY ASSESSOR TOLD ME THAT ARE ON AN INACTIVE LIST AND FILE NO REPORT!
- (5.) WE ARE NOT TALKING ABOUT THE TYPE OF BLASTING BEING DONE. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT THE BLASTING IS ACTING LIKE A PUMP AND PUMPING THE TOXINS DOWN INTO THE FRACTURED BEDROCK AND ACTUALLY CAUSING NEW FRACTURES. WE ARE ALSO IN FEAR OF WHAT THE BLASTING WILL DO TO THE INFERIOR GROUT POURED INTO THE FRACTURES. WE WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT THE REMOVAL OF ROCK FROM THE QUARRY WILL OPEN MORE FRACTURES AND OPEN EXISTING ONES FURTHER.
- (6.) WE RECIEVED THE BLASTING INFORMATION THAT THE COUNTY WAS REQUESTING. AS YOU KNOW IT WAS ALL FOR NOT. IF THEIR RECORDING DEVICES DO NOT WORK AND DO NOT REGISTER THEN FIND ANOTHER WAY WAY TO MONITOR. ie CHECK BLASTING RECORDS FOR TONS OF EXPLOSIVES USED, BLASTING PATTERNS ECT.
- (8.) WHY HAS HE ONLY HAD A PERMIT SINCE 1984?
- (9.) DID THEY USE PROPER MONITORING EQUIPMENT? HOW MANY SIESMOGRAPHS WERE USED? IN THE MORE RECENT BLASTS WHERE RYLAND RECORDED THE DATA, THEY HAD NO TROUBLE READING THE DATA. THE LAST BLAST WAS ONLY COSMETIC. THE ONE ON APRIL 7, 1989 USED 30,000LBS OF EXPLOSIVES. YOU SAW MY PICTURES AND YOU KNOW IT WAS FAR MORE THAN A COSMETIC BLAST.
- (10) McCUTCHEN CONSTRUCTION IS IN THE SAME BUILDING WITH HUBBS CONSTRUCTION AND I DO NOT BELIEVE THEY ARE A GOOD SAMPLE OF HOW OUR COMMUNITY FEELS ABOUT THIS ISSUE.
- (11) REFER TO NEXT SECTION
- (13) FIRE DEPARTMENT WAS NOT NOTIFIED OF BLAST ON 10-6-89.
- (14) PLANNING DEPARTMENT HAS NO IDEA OF WHAT GOES ON AT THE QUARRY.
- (15) BUILDING AND SAFETY HAVE NOT MONITORED A SINGLE LOAD OUT OF HUBBS QUARRY.
- (16) HEALTH DEPARTMENT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE ISSUE BECAUSE THEY HAVE NOT BEEN INFORMED BY THE OTHER AGENCIES OF THE HEALTH RISK.
- (17) THE COUNTY ASSESSOR HAS HUBBS QUARRY ON AN INACTIVE LIST AND HAVE NO RECORD OF ANY ROCK BEING REMOVED FROM THE QUARRY.

UPDATE

HUBBS QUARRY BLASTING
AND ITS POSSIBLE EFFECT ON STRINGFELLOW ACID PITS
JULY 19, 1989

PROVIDED BY
SUPERVISOR MELBA DUNLAP
RIVERSIDE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RESEARCH AND INFORMATION COMPILED BY
TALLULAH M. SHERER
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

4/27/89 - Update on Hubbs Quarry

- 1 - Advised that there was a meeting on 4/25/89 with Paul Hubbs and his attorney, John Boyd; Steve Kupferman, Planning Department Geologist; Tony Ramsamooj from Building and Safety; Karen Watts and Bob Pepper from County Counsel.
- 2 - Building and Safety considered closing Hubbs operation because he had not filed a "Special Inspection Report." County Counsel said "NO." By State law, he still has until 7/1/90 to complete and correct his Reclamation Plan and no "Special Inspection Report" can be filed until the Reclamation Plan is approved by the Planning Department.
- 3 - If Hubbs significantly increases or expands his operation, this could affect his operation so far as the County is concerned, and it could possibly give County the authority to suspend his operation.
- 4 - Hubbs is to file a report with the Assessor each year indicating the tonnage removed each year. This report is what they base their assessment on for tax purposes. Their last report shows some change, but the question remains..."What is a significant change?"
- 5 - Both State and Local geologists still feel there is no problem relative to Stringfellow because of the method used in blasting (domino effect).
- 6 - They hope they have convinced Hubbs that things would go better for him if he would complete the necessary paperwork required by the County ASAP.
- 7 - Steve will keep in touch with updated information.

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- 8 - Detective Posey, Sheriff's Bomb Squad inspected area. Baxter Drilling and Blasting is the company working for Mr. Hubbs. Has all the proper permits. Sheriff's Department has had no complaints about company. Has a permit in Riverside County since 1984.
 - 9 - Last blast was in April 1989. Blast did not hit a scale. No explosive magazines stored at Hubbs' operation.
 - 10 - Spoke with Estella Estrada at McCutchen Construction, 3940 Pyrite. She states the blasting is no problem for them. The only vibrations they feel are when trucks move large boulders and dump them off the trucks.

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- 11 - I have personally contacted all of the departments listed on the following page and have been advised by each of their representatives that the County has no reason or jurisdiction at this time to stop the blasting at Hubbs' Quarry, and there is no indication from their reports/monitoring, etc., that the blasting is causing further problems as the Stringfellow Acid Pits.

COUNTY DEPARTMENT INVOLVED IN CHECKING BLASTING OPERATIONS AND ROCK AND QUARRY
OPERATIONS

12 Sheriff

13 Fire Department

14 Planning Department

15 Building and Safety, Land Use Division

16 Health Department

17 Assessor

Sheriff issues County Permit for blasting purposes and inspects areas.

Fire Department within jurisdiction is notified prior to blasting.

Planning Department approves State-required reclamation plan.

Building and Safety Department approves Special Inspection Report filed by applicant.

Health Department may become involved if there are environmental health issues
such as Stringfellow Acid Pits.

Assessor receives Aggregate Production Reports annually and bases assessment for
tax purposes from that report.